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MEMBERSHIP FLATS AND RECEIPTS ENCLOSED:

All membership flats for the 1999 calendar year, that have been forwarded to me from membership chairman *Al Munro*, are included in this mailing. Enclosed also are the receipts that go with them. I hope that they all arrive safely.

As some of you may know, our membership chairman and secretary/treasurer Al Munro is still recuperating from medical concerns that have plagued him for well over a year now. These medical concerns caused him to miss last year's C.N.A. convention in Edmonton and it appears will cause him to miss this year's convention in Kitchener as well. Knowing Al, missing two C.N.A. conventions in a row is very difficult for him to take. I'm sure everyone joins with me in wishing Al a very speedy recovery and hope that he is back up to full speed shortly. We all hope that you are feeling much better very soon, Al.

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors	
<u>ROSS KINGDON</u>	
IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR THE YEAR INDICATED	
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY TREASURER	

CAWMC ANNUAL MEETING AT C.N.A. CONVENTION:



The month of July has arrived and thus the *C.N.A. convention* is almost here. Our **Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors** holds an annual breakfast meeting at this convention. This year's meeting will take place on **Sunday July 25, 1999 at 8:00 am**. The convention is being held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel 105 King St. E. in Kitchener, Ontario. Considerable information regarding this has been printed in previous newsletters.

This CAWMC annual meeting is always a great place to pick up many new woods. If past years are any indication, there will be many woods passed around freely. There is even a rumour going around that a just recently found new Newfoundland wood will be distributed to all those attending this breakfast meeting. Tickets for the meeting must be purchased in advance. I hope to see you there.

ELECTION BALLOTS: These are coming in nicely. If you haven't sent yours to me yet, make sure you do to **have it arrive no later than July 16, 1999**. Our entire new executive will be announced at the annual breakfast meeting on July 25, 1999.



CAWMC member **Ted Boxall** has issued this wood to recognize his *eighty-fifth* birthday. The wood is shown here in actual size and is blue/red in colour on both sides. For a SASE Ted will send you one. Contact him at 125 Pugsley Ave. #320 Richmond Hill, Ont., Can. L4C 8W5.

This *Waterloo Coin Society* banquet wood was issued by **Don Robb**. No more are available.



CAWMC OFFICERS

President: **LOU VESH**
 Vice President: **ALBERT KASMAN**
 Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman: **AL MUNRO**
 Past President and Chairman of the Board of Governors: **PAT WHITE**
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RUSSELL BROWN, WAYNE GILLCASH,
DAVE GILLESPIE, DON ROBB.

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Editor: **ROSS KINGDON**
 Fund Raiser: **GARRY BRAUNWARTH**
 Auction Coordinator: **AL MUNRO**

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds

United States Residents- \$10.00 U.S. funds

International Members Rate (outside Can. & U.S.)-

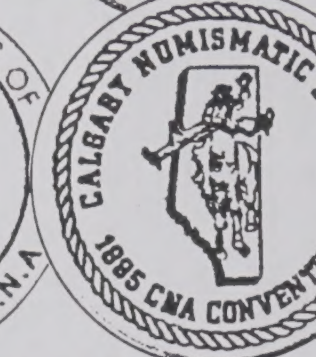
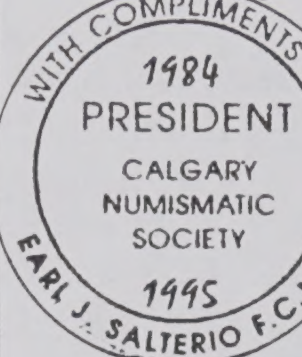
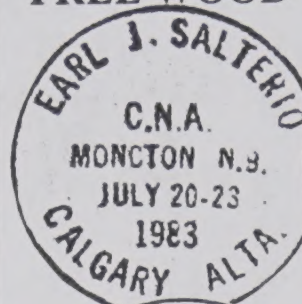
\$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'

Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



Earl Salterio of Calgary, has sent me his extra C.N.A. woods from various years. By putting together the three woods shown above, I have enough to give one to each member. Therefore, my random pick is what you get. These woods are catalogued as:

1983 CNA Moncton 8140-90 bl / bl

1990 CNA Vancouver (overstamped)

8140-240 gold, red / red

1995 CNA Calgary 8140-277 b / gr

Thank you Earl.

PERSONALIZED ROUND AND FLAT WOODS AVAILABLE FOR 2000



Canada Wide Woods has two attractive dies for making personalized *round* woods (1 3/4 inches in diameter) and one die for *white maple flats* (3 3/4 X 2 1/2 inches) for the year 2000. These are the first dies available for woods for the year 2000. A variety of bright colours, applied by the

hot stamped process are available.

One round wood (1 3/4 inches) shows *a dove of peace* in the center with an olive branch in its beak. 'PEACE' is to the left of the dove and '2000' is below the dove.

Another round wood (1 3/4 inches) shows *a man in a time machine*. '2000' is above, 'CANADA' is below. 'BEYOND EXPECTATIONS' is to the right.



The white maple wood flat (3 3/4 X 2 1/2 inches) shows *a dove in the center with an olive branch in its beak*. '2000' is just below the dove and 'PEACE' is to its left. 'THE NEW MILLENNIUM' is at the top.

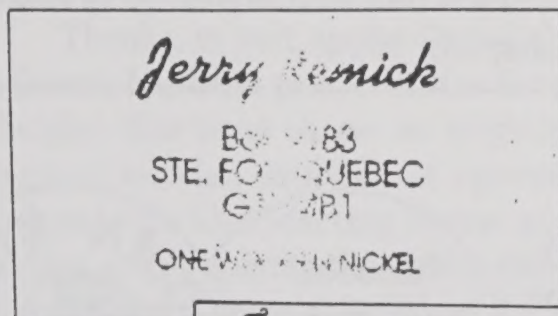
One hundred printed round woods are \$65.00. One hundred printed flat woods are \$50.00. Please add \$3.75 for postage. Canadian orders must add the GST.

A personal die with your name, address, 'Wooden Nickel' or other data is \$20.00. Orders should be sent to: Canada Wide Woods General Delivery, Gadshill, Ont., Can., N0K 1J0, telephone (519) 271-3352.



JERRY REMICK ISSUES "PEACE 2000" WOODS

Specimens of Jerry Remick's *flat* and *round* woods (shown here) *with the dove* for the year 2000 are \$1.00 postpaid for any two of his woods. Contact Jerry Remick Box 9183, Ste. Foy, Quebec, Can., G1V 4B1. Those wishing woods with two different colours for the dove side, should send \$2.00. Fifty of the dove side of each type of wood (round and flat) were made in red and fifty were made in blue.



C.N.A. CONVENTION WOOD ISSUES

by Norm Belsten

*TO DATE, 426 WOODEN NICKELS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS.*

The first wood issued for a C.N.A. convention was in 1959 for the Regina, Saskatchewan convention. One side had an Indian head printed in black, with the reverse printed on paper and glued to the wood. Twelve years passed before the next issue appeared for the Vancouver, British Columbia convention in 1971. It was good for one eighteen cent coffee at the Hotel Vancouver. In 1979, the first flat was issued for a C.N.A. convention. It was 2 inches by 2 1/2 inches printed on balsa wood, in multiple colours. In 1980, the largest wood was issued for a C.N.A. convention. It was 3 1/4 inches by 6 inches and printed in black.

Starting in 1976, C.N.A. woods were issued almost every year. One or two were issued a year, at first, then in the nineteen eighties, we saw the number increase to twenty to thirty issues each year. The Quebec City, Quebec convention in 1989 had fifty-two different issues which is the largest to date. Many events at that convention used wooden tokens instead of paper tickets for admission to them.

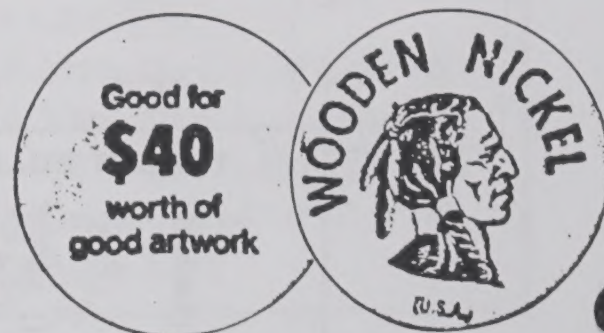
Of the C.N.A. woods issued, three hundred and eighty-five have been issued by individuals, thirty-five by coin clubs and five by businesses. For Toronto, Ontario conventions the following have been issued: 1981 - twenty three; 1986 - sixteen; 1991 - twenty-four; for a total of sixty-three woods. In 1984, Hamilton, Ontario had thirty-four and twenty-nine in 1994. London, Ontario had two and Ottawa, Ontario also had two. Ontario's total for their seven C.N.A. conventions at which woods were issued is one hundred and thirty, almost one third of the C.N.A. woods given out. Last year in Edmonton, Alberta, a total of eleven different C.N.A. woods were issued.

C.N.A. woods have come in various different sizes and shapes with the common sizes being 1 1/2 inches and 1 3/4 inches in diameter by 1/8 inches thick. Flats, as they are called, range from 2 inches by 2 1/2 inches to 3 1/4 inches by 6 inch rectangles. Also issued were several other sizes and shapes including the bear shape in 1994.

WANTED:

ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE!

CAWMC member **Tony Hnetka** of Calgary, Alberta has several of these woods shown here. The wood is red on both sides and is 1 1/2 inches in diameter. If anyone out there has any information regarding this wood please contact Tony at 1420 Child Ave. NE Calgary, Alberta Can. T2E 5E2.





THE HISTORY OF THE SEAL ISLAND LIGHT

This island is located fourteen miles from Shag Harbour and measures two miles in length and one half mile in width. The southern part of the island, which is the highest, is thirty feet above sea level. Much of the island is covered with stunted trees. There are a number of houses on the island but are for the most part used as seasonal fishing residences. Seal Island is the largest of a group of islands first recorded in 1604 by Samuel Champlain (two of the

others being Bon Portage and Emerald Island).

In 1817, Richard Hichens, in command of the brig, Friendship, was shipwrecked on Cape Sable Island. In Barrington, he met and married Mary Crowell. In 1823, they moved to Seal Island where they established a lifesaving station. In due course, they were joined by Edmund and Joshua Crowell and John Nickerson. Prior to the Hichens and Crowells going to the island, many shipwrecked marines had perished on its shores and each spring, men from the communities along the coast would visit the island to bury the dead. Some ninety-five wrecks have occurred around the island, however from the time that these dedicated families settled there, no one has perished after reaching the shore. Before their arrival, there had been on the average, one wreck every twelve months.

Before the establishing of the lighthouse, these families kept fires burning continuously day and night to serve as a beacon for those at sea. In 1827, a government wharf was erected. In 1829, construction was started on the first lighthouse. It was built using an octagonal design to present the least resistance to winds which came from all directions. When completed, it towered sixty-seven feet above the ground (one hundred two feet A.S.L.) On November 28, 1831, the lighthouse began operation and that very night a daughter, Sarah, was born to Richard and Mary Hichens.

For seventy-one years, the light was 'fixed' but in 1902, a revolving mechanism was installed giving three flashes. In the meantime, the seal-oil lamp had been exchanged, in 1892 for a French, five-wick kerosene model which was replaced ten years later by a kerosene vapour light. In 1959 an electric lamp, powered by a diesel generator, was placed in the lantern.

In May 1978, an automatic light took over the task of the old light and light keepers. Prior to the removal of the old light, word was received that the one hundred and forty-seven year old beacon and fixtures were destined for the National Science Museum in Ottawa. Many local people and organizations rose up in protest at the old light being sent out of the province. Together with support from local and provincial MP's, Transport Minister Otto Lang released notice, "that the light should be donated to the Municipality of Barrington providing that the Municipality is capable of preserving it."

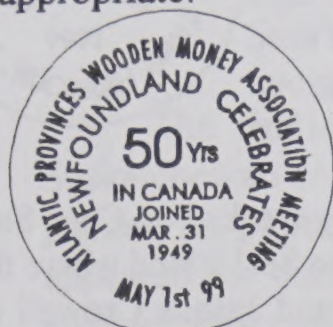
Thanks, in part, to the Cape Sable Historical Society, who played a major role in this endeavour, the fixture has been preserved for future generations. Today this beacon, (which measures twenty feet in height) that once shone so brightly, now sits atop a scaled down reconstruction (thirty-five foot octagonal wooden structure as opposed to the original forty-seven feet) and is situated at Barrington Head, near the Old Meeting House and the Old Wooden Mill. Here it has become part of the museum complex and is open to the public during the summer months. Although no longer a functional light, it still maintains a beautiful view of the ocean. Instead of enduring the wind and seaspray from the fierce Atlantic and guiding mariners safely past the rocky shores of Seal Island, she now leads a more tranquil life overlooking the banks of the Barrington River.

This 'lighthouse wood' marks the third, in a series, issued by the Chapel Hill Historical Society which aims to create more awareness and support to help preserve our rapidly vanishing heritage sites. This issue is available at \$1.00 each (plus SASE) from Society member and designer Doug Shand, P.O. Box 78, Shag Harbour, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia, B0W 3B0.



ATLANTIC PROVINCES NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SPRING 1999 SHOW WOODS:

These woods were all issued by wood collectors at the May 1st., 1999 APNA show held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Some of these woods can probably be obtained by contacting the issuer and some addresses are provided. A self-addressed, stamped envelope would be appropriate.



Common Reverse

